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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/725,833	GRAUZER ET AL.	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview on 11/21/07 and Applicant's response filed 08/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 36-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Litman on 11/21/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 44, between lines 3 and 4, the new recitation --providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus;-- has been inserted.

In claim 44, line 4, the word "apparatus" has been changed to --shuffling chamber--.

In claim 44, line 7, the word "apparatus" has been changed to --shuffling chamber--.

In claim 44, line 8, the recitation "an area in the apparatus" has been changed to --the shuffling chamber--.

In claim 44, line 12, the word "providing" has been changed to --forming--.

In claim 44, line 13, the new recitation --in the shuffling chamber, an delivering the second individual set of randomly mixed playing cards--has been inserted after "cards" and before "into".

In claim 44, line 13, the new word --same-- has been inserted after "the" and before "single".

In claim 44, line 13, the new recitation --in the play of a single round of cards-- has been inserted after "tray" and before ".".

In claim 51, between lines 3 and 4, the new recitation --providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus;-- has been inserted.

In claim 51, line 4, the new recitation --the shuffling chamber from the at least one deck of playing cards; delivering to-- has been inserted after "in" and before "a single".

In claim 51, line 4, the new recitation --the first group of randomly mixed playing cards-- has been inserted after "tray" and before ",".

In claim 51, line 7, the word "within" has been deleted and the recitation --in the shuffling chamber, and delivering the second group of randomly mixed playing cards to-- has been inserted in its place.

In claim 51, line 8, the new recitation --from the same single delivery tray-- has been inserted after "removed" and before "and".

In claim 56, between lines 3 and 4, the new recitation --providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus;-- has been inserted.

In claim 56, line 4, the word "apparatus" has been deleted, and in its place the new recitation --shuffling chamber from the at least one deck of playing cards--has been inserted in its place.

In claim 56, line 5, the new recitation --from the shuffling chamber--has been inserted after "cards" and before "into".

In claim 56, line 5, the new recitation --with all cards in the transferred group present in the single delivery tray at the same time-- has been inserted after "tray" and before ",".

In claim 56, line 7, the word "within" has been deleted, and in its place the new recitation --in the shuffling chamber, and delivering the second group of randomly mixed playing cards to--has been inserted in its place.

In claim 56, line 9, the new recitation --in the play of a single round of cards-- has been inserted after "play" and before ".".

In claim 61, between lines 3 and 4, the new recitation -- providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus;-- has been inserted.

In claim 61, line 4 the new recitation --the shuffling chamber from the at least one deck of playing cards, transferring a first group of randomly mixed playing cards from the shuffling chamber to-- has been inserted after "cards in" and before "a single".

In claim 61, line 5, the new recitation --first transferred-- has been inserted after "in the" and before "group".

In claim 61, line 7, the word "within" has been deleted, and in its place the new recitation --in the shuffling chamber, and delivering the second group of randomly mixed playing cards to--has been inserted in its place.

In claim 61, line 8, the recitation --from the same single delivery tray--has been inserted after "removed" and before "in the".

In claim 62, between lines 3 and 4, the new recitation -- providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus;-- has been inserted.

In claim 62, line 4, the word "apparatus" has been deleted, and the new recitation --shuffling chamber from the at least one deck of playing cards-- has been inserted in its place.

In claim 62, line 5, the word "the" has been changed to --a--.

In claim 62, line 5, the new recitation --from the shuffling chamber--has been inserted after "cards" and before "into".

In claim 62, line 5, the new recitation --with all cards in the transferred group present in the single delivery tray at the same time--has been inserted after "tray" and before ",".

In claim 62, line 6 the new word --transferred--has been inserted after "removing the" and before "group".

In claim 62, line 7, the word "within" has been deleted, and in its place the new recitation --in the shuffling chamber, and delivering the second group of randomly mixed playing cards to--has been inserted in its place.

In claim 62, line 8, the recitation --from the same single delivery tray--has been inserted after "removed" and before "in the".

Reasons For Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited references alone or in combination teach the claimed step of also "providing a shuffling chamber in the apparatus", "randomly forming a group of playing cards in the shuffling chamber", "transferring a randomly formed group of cards from the shuffling

chamber into a single delivery tray with all cards in the transferred group present in the single delivery tray at the same time" and "delivering a second group of randomly mixed playing cards to the same single delivery tray after the first group of randomized playing cards are removed from the same single delivery tray in the play of a single round of cards". The patent to Kelley does not disclose a shuffling chamber that is separate from the delivery tray, wherein a group of cards is randomly formed in the shuffling chamber, then the group of cards is transferred from the shuffling chamber to the single delivery tray.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

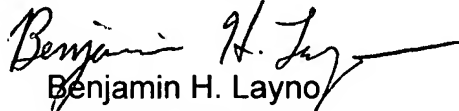
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin H. Layno whose telephone number is (571) 272-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 1st Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eugene Kim can be reached on (571)272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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